

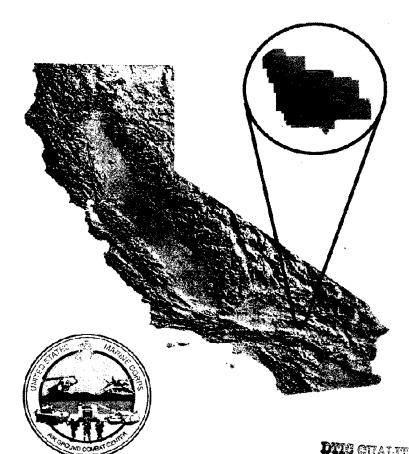
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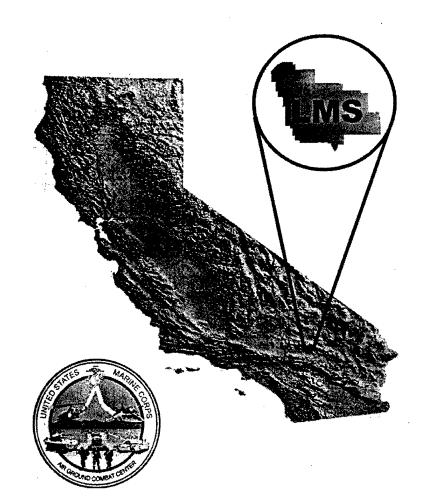


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Foreword

This study was conducted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Research and Development Directorate, which established the Land Management System (LMS) Special Project Office in March 1997. The proponents are Dr. Lewis E. Link, Director of Research and Development for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CERD-Z), and Dr. Donald Leverenz, Deputy Director of CERD.

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1 Introduction

Background

The Land Management System

The Land Management System (LMS) is an initiative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) focused on improving landscape analysis and landscape management capabilities in several of the Corps of Engineers major mission areas. These mission areas include the U.S. Army Civil Works Programs (navigation, flood control, water supply and quality, recreation, etc.), military installations operations and management (specifically military land management), and military engineering and terrain related operations (trafficability analysis, military hydrology, littoral operations, line of sight analysis, etc.).

The purpose of LMS is to provide relevant science, tools, and information to land and water resource managers and decisionmakers with the goal of enhancing their ability to understand and communicate past, current, and potential impacts of management actions on land and water resources. LMS was established, in part, to improve synergism in technology development across each of these mission areas, to improve USACE'S and the Department of Defense's (DoD's) ability to represent landscape processes and features, and forecast future landscape conditions, based upon alternative scenarios.

The LMS initiative had its roots in a study initiated in autumn 1995 related to modeling and simulation capabilities developed or used by the Corps of Engineers, related to landscape or geoprocesses. After this study, the Director of Research and Development, in consultation with the ERDC laboratory directors and others, decided to establish the LMS initiative.

To accomplish the goals of LMS, a Special Project Office for LMS was established, with representatives from most of the ERDC Laboratories, the Hydrologic Engineering Center of the Water Resources Support Center, and several Corps of Engineer Districts. The project director, associate directors, and the various organizational representatives comprise the LMS Development Team. Researchers throughout the ERDC laboratories (and their partners) form work teams to

perform specific tasks associated with LMS; these efforts are dovetailed into numerous existing technology programs.

Plans for the LMS Initiative are available (and updated) on the LMS website (http://www.denix.osd.mil/LMS) under the Defense Environmental Network Information eXchange (DENIX). For more information please see the ERDC/CERL Technical Report 99/60, Plans for the Land Management System (LMS) Initiative on the LMS website.

The LMS Field Application Program

The LMS Field Application Program has four major purposes:

- 1. To provide problem-solving and partnering relations between the Corps of Engineers scientists, technology developers, and interested and innovative landscape/natural resource managers in USACE's major mission areas.
- 2. To provide site-specific and problem-specific input into the design of LMS2000 functional capabilities.
- 3. To provide technology test environments where scientists, technology developers, and resource managers/analysts together can tackle issues, test solutions, adjust approaches, capture costs and benefits, and "demonstrate" the results to interested parties.
- 4. To provide a framework for planning the transfer of LMS technology to land/water resource managers, both at the sites for demonstrations and other similar sites.

Field application sites were selected based on the following criteria:

- 1. Interest from land/water resource managers in infusing new capabilities into their business practices, and developing collaborative partnerships with scientists and technology providers.
- 2. Representative land/water resources management issues such as high levels of use, sensitive resources, competing multiple uses and stakeholders, and other problems and issues identified by user groups as important.
- 3. Importance of the site or problem set to the mission.

- 4. Support and concurrence for LMS Field Applications not only at the local level, but also from across the organizational management.
- 5. Synergism with existing programs/efforts.

The original sites selected for field applications were Fort Hood, TX, and in three locations in the Upper Mississippi River Basin: (1) Redwood Basin, along the Minnesota River in Southern Minnesota, (2) Pool 8 on the Mississippi River near LaCrosse, WI, and (3) Peoria Lakes, on the Illinois River at Peoria, IL. In 1999, the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, CA, was officially designated as a field application site. Currently, Fort Benning, GA, is being considered as an additional field application site.

Dr. John Barko serves as the LMS Field Application Program Director. In addition, there is a Field Application Site Coordinator for each site. Dr. Dick Gebhart serves in this capacity for the MCAGCC site. MCAGCC has one user point of contact (POC), Mr. Kip Otis-Diehl from the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Directorate at MCAGCC.

The MCAGCC Military Field Application Site

MCAGCC is composed of 596,480 acres (932 square miles [2414 sq km]) within the heart of the Mojave Desert, 40 miles (64 km) north of Palm Springs, CA. It was established in 1952. The desert terrain and arid climate offer prime training conditions to carry out MCAGCC's mission. The primary mission is to develop, administer, and evaluate the Marine Corps' Combined Arms Exercise (CAX) training. Annually 50,000 to 60,000 soldiers are processed through the CAX program. An additional 8,000 Marines are trained in electronic fundamentals, operational communications, air control/anti-air warfare operations, and communication/electronic maintenance at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School (MCCESS) at MCAGCC.

The topography and climate at MCAGCC present unique natural resource management issues. The fragile desert ecosystem is highly susceptible to impacts that in most areas are normally insignificant. The repair of these impacts through natural processes may take thousands of years. Land managers are responsible for ensuring the sustainable usefulness of training areas by minimizing impacts on plant communities, soils, water, and animal communities, and through monitoring of training impacts. Land managers need accessible tools for monitoring and predicting these impacts. Monitoring and predicting impacts on training lands will ensure safe and effective training lands for both troops and the Mojave Desert ecosystem.

LMS Field Application Program Transitions

The field application program for LMS both shapes the development of new LMS capabilities and tests these capabilities to help solve management and landscape analysis problems in the field. The field application efforts provide opportunities to test, evaluate, modify, and document how LMS capabilities help to address specific user problems and how LMS results and capabilities fit into decision processes at user sites.

Field Application Site In-Progress Reviews (IPRs) are designed to ensure that the stages of evaluation, modification, and documentation are fulfilled. These reviews also allow other interested parties to look over the shoulders of those involved at the host site and evaluate the value of applying LMS investments and results at other sites.

Preliminary contact with MCAGCC was initiated in September of 1998, followed by a letter of invitation to serve as a field application site in January of 1999. The initial LMS Needs Assessment workshop was held at MCAGCC during February of 1999 to identify and prioritize land/water resource management issues at the site. A plan was then developed and projects initiated to address these plans. This report documents the IPR, user recommendations, and post-IPR follow-up actions.

Objectives

The objectives of this IPR were to provide a forum where personnel involved with specific MCAGCC Land Management System Military Field Application projects could discuss the progress of each effort, identify the relationships between projects, and solicit input from potential users of the resulting products.

Approach

The first IPR workshop was held 13 April 2000, at the Holiday Inn - Palm Mountain Resort in Palm Springs, CA. The IPR consisted of presentations on LMS and individual projects. Following project presentations, inputs from installation personnel and others present were obtained. Prior to the meeting closure, user input was discussed and actions were defined to address each issue. Results of the IPR are documented in this report to ensure project improvements and adjustments occur and to assist with the next IPR.

Scope

The MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application IPR only addresses projects associated with the MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application. This report does not attempt to address projects and issues associated with other military and civil works LMS field applications.

Mode of Technology Transfer

This report documents the presentations and discussions of the MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application IPR. Technical concerns and unresolved issues associated with individual projects are being addressed by the project investigators on an individual project basis.

2 Agenda for the FY00 MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application Site IPR

The agenda for the MCAGCC LMS Military Demonstration FY00 IPR is provided below.

Wednesday, 13 April 2000

8:15-8:45	Overall LMS Introduction: Bill Goran	
8:45-9:15	MCAGCC Introduction: Dick Gebhart Inter-connection of projects and user requirements	
9:15-10:15	Web-based Map Dissemination and Data Enterprise Repository Design and Test: Kelly Dilks	
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:30	Wind Erosion: Ed Skidmore	
11:30-12:00	LCTA/ITAM at MCAGCC: Liz Kellogg	
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00-13:30	SERDP Remote Sensing: Paul Tueller	
13:30-15:00	Carrying Capacity: David Price, Terry McLendon, and Mike Childress	
15:00-15:15	Break	
15:15-16:00	Comment and Review Feedback from MCAGCC POCs	
16:00-16:45	Input from other participating organizations	
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks, IPR conclusion.	

3 MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application Site IPR Attendees

The following individuals attended the FY00 MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application Site IPR.

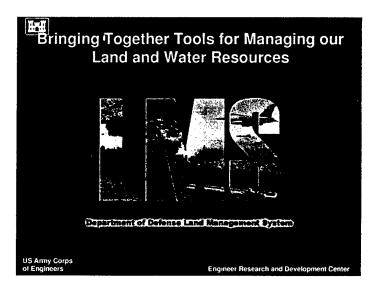
NAME	ORGANIZATION
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Kelly Dilks	ERDC/CERL
Clarence Everly	Mojave Desert Eco. Program
Jeff Foisy	Mojave Desert Eco. Program
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4 MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application Site IPR Project Presentations

The following pages provide briefing materials presented at the MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application Site IPR. Each section provides the presenter's name and the presentation materials.

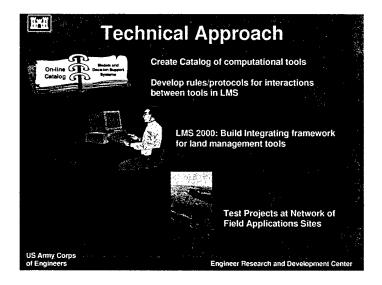
PRESENTATION: The Land Management System.

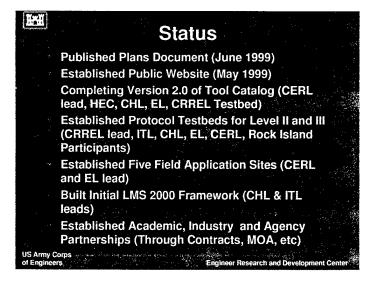
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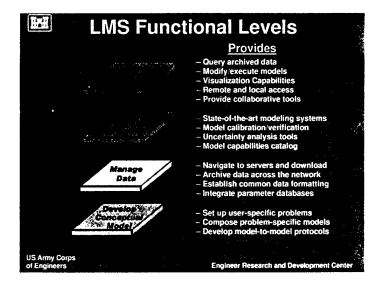


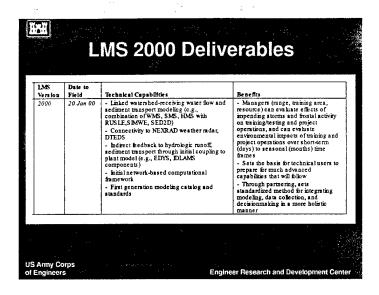


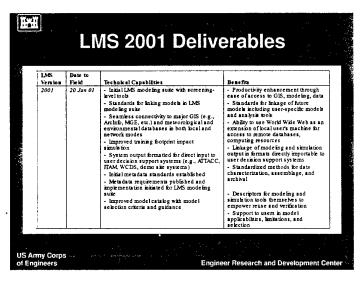
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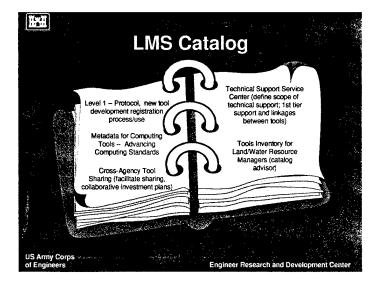


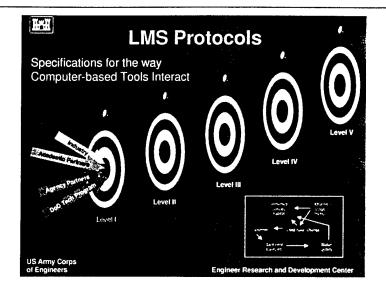


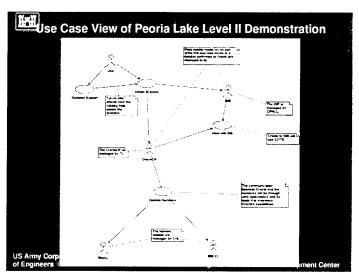


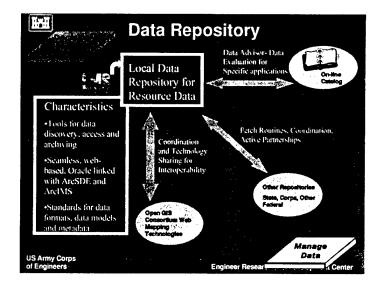


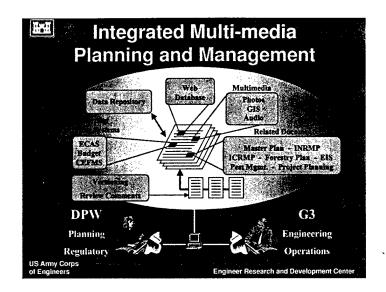


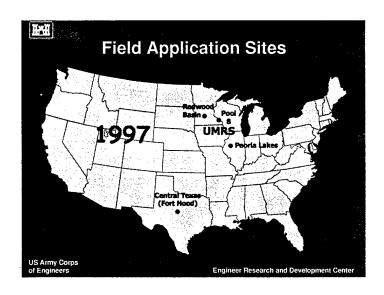


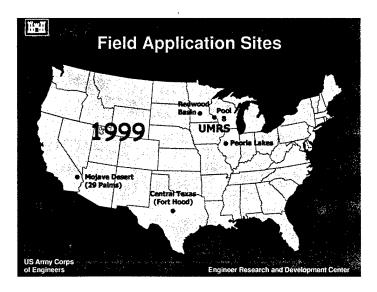


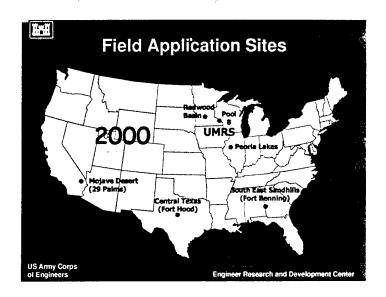


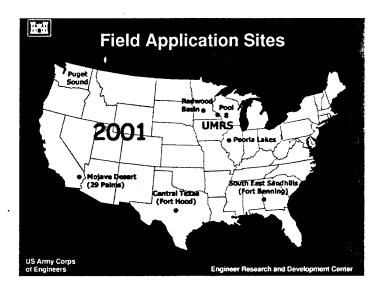




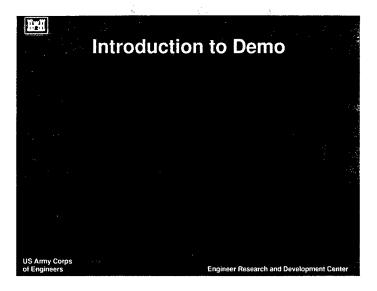




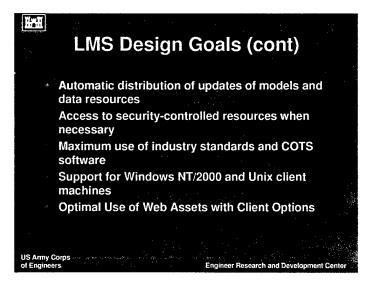


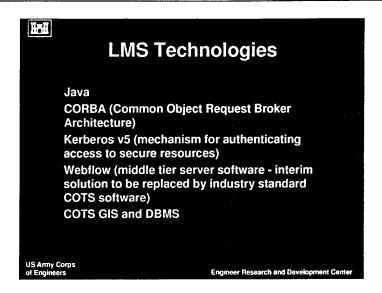


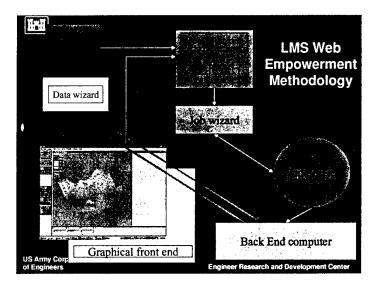


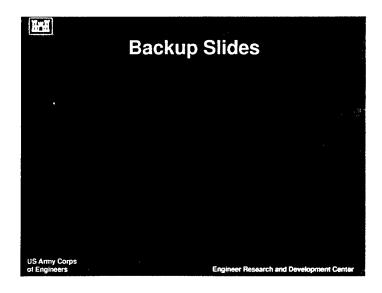


Seamless access to distributed resources (models, data, computers) User-friendly graphical user interface (GUI) Ability to readily incorporate legacy models Ability to readily integrate new technologies (e.g., object-oriented models) Ability to readily integrate evolving protocol mechanisms Archiving of selected data and model output











Aspects of LMS Demo

Overview of LMS Look and Feel System configuration Web-based Features of "Manage Data" Level Model and Simulate Level Features

Example for military installation

Example for Army civil works project Capabilities of the Decision Support Level

Near-term Fielding Plans for Future Capabilities

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LMS2001 Development Pathway

Field 1 Jan 2001

More URLs to get data from websites.

VRML, OpenGL capabilities within XMS series.

Connectivity of several additional models.

Connection to first-generation model advisor.

Publication of initial set of protocols.

Improved CASC2D within WMS that simulates groundwater-surface water.

Provide flags identifying when model executions are complete on remote machines, or to query status.

Linkage to ATTACC and WCDS.



LMS2001 Development Pathway continued

LMS2001

Initial conceptual modeling environment.

Improved training distribution modeling

Initial decision support tools, including ability to archive model results, query them.

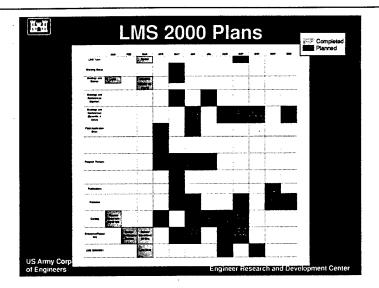
Integration of several additional models. . .

Complete link to OO-IDLAMS with feedback from its models to/from LMS hydrology codes.

Ability to log into LMS data repository from non-local machine into LMS servers.

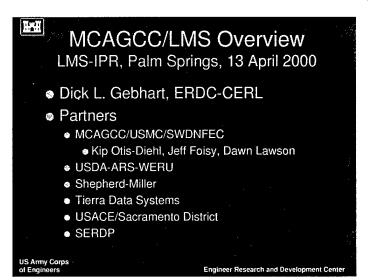
Initial capability to manipulate key variables of calibrated/verified user model and execute.

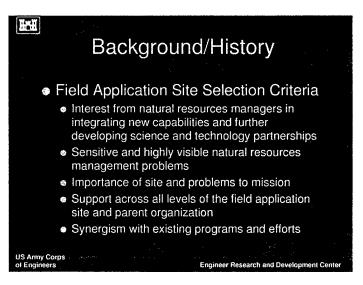
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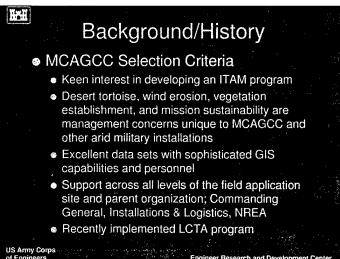


 $\label{eq:presentation:mcagcc} \textbf{PRESENTATION: MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application Program Overview}.$

PRESENTER: Dick Gebhart.









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LMS OBJECTIVE

Development of capabilities/systems/models for effective training land, habitat, natural resources, and ecosystem management in arid and semiarid regions

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Natural Resources Problems/Concerns

Arid landscapes are particularly sensitive to training disturbances and have long recovery times Disturbances from frequent and heavy training activities (CAX) result in:

loss of vegetation cover and diversity soil disturbance and increased wind erosion loss of critical habitat (i.e. desert tortoise) invasion of non-native plant species decreased training realism

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Natural Resources Problems/Concerns

Methods to characterize training capacity, design/adjust training use, and forecast future land conditions based on alternative training scenarios are needed to improve sustainability Protocols for accessing, querying, and sharing GIS data among different users with different requirements are needed

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SPECIFIC PROJECTS

Land Based Carrying Capacity

Land Condition Trend Analysis (LCTA) assessment and protocol development

Integration of LCTA data into modeling and simulation scenarios for land use compatibility and carrying capacity analysis

Ecological Dynamics Simulation Model (EDYS)

Training Use Distribution Model (TUDM)

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SPECIFIC PROJECTS

Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance

Wind Erosion

Identification of problem severity
Identification of cultural/management
practices to mitigate effects and severity of
wind erosion problems

Integration of wind erosion component into Army Training and Testing Area Carrying Capacity (ATTACC) model

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SPECIFIC PROJECTS

GIS Enabling Technologies

Web-Based Map Dissemination

Investigate interface between Data Acquisition Model (DAM) prototype and internal web browser

Complete interface and develop Virtual Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (VMCAGCC)

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RELATED PROJECTS

SERDP

Analysis and Assessment of Military and Non-Military Impacts on Biodiversity

Emerging and Contemporary Technologies in Remote Sensing for Ecosystem Assessment and Change Detection on Military Installations

Diagnostic Tools and Reclamation Technologies for Mitigating Impacts of DoD/DOE Activities in Arid Areas

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Products From LMS Application

Development of computer based land management models and capabilities specific to arid and semiarid regions

Improved LCTA protocols and ability to effectively use LCTA data in EDYS, carrying capacity simulation, and wind erosion models Improved GIS map dissemination capabilities

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Tri-Service/DoD Conservation User Requirements Addressed by Application at MCAGCC

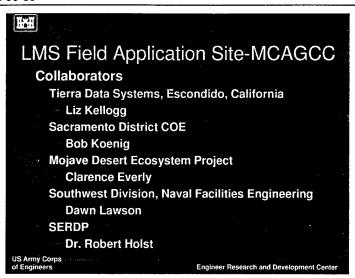
Land Capability and Characterization #3
Land based carrying capacity
Wind erosion

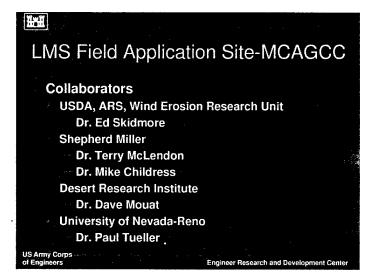
GIS enabling technologies

Land Rehabilitation #4

Wind erosion

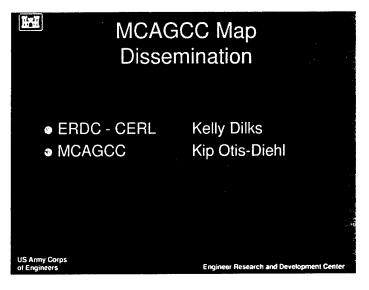
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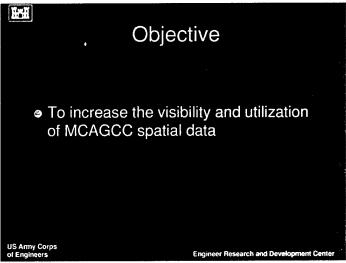


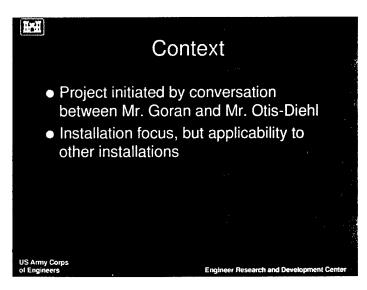


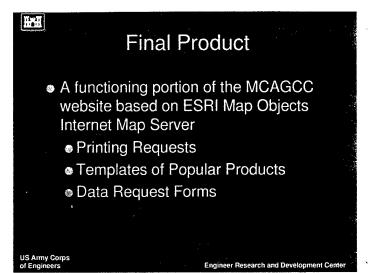
PRESENTATION: MCAGCC Map Dissemination.

PRESENTER: Kelly Dilks.









Project Schedule Project Scheduled for completion 30 June 00 13 March 00 Project Progress Visit

Transition Planning Map Objects IMS software with associated code Upkeep is html and Java based GIS POC needed due to personnel transition since 13 March visit US Army Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center



Impact on Installation Operations

- Increased Efficiency and Effectiveness of Geospatial Group
- Increased availability of geospatial products to all aspects of MCAGCC

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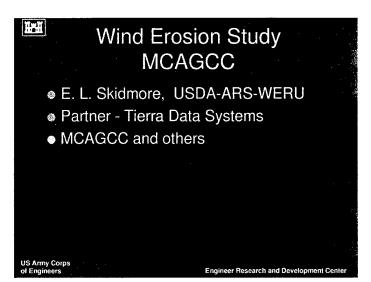
Conclusion

- 30 June 00 Completion
- Need to determine support requirements due to personnel turn over

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PRESENTATION: Wind Erosion Study at MCAGCC.

PRESENTER: Edward Skidmore.



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Objective

 Do the additional research as needed to adapt and verify the Wind Erosion Prediction System (WEPS) as a tool to aid the management of military training lands in desert environments.

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Sub objectives

- 1. Develop the procedures to populate the data base necessary to apply WEPS to conditions existing on MCAGCC and other desert training lands
- 2. Compare wind erosion measured at selected sites at 29 Palms MCAGCC to that predicted by WEPS.

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Sub objectives

- 3. Determine the effect of substrate on wind erosion at MCAGCC.
- 4. Compare the saltation activity as measured by the BSNE sediment traps to the PM-10 in the same vicinity.
- 5. Determine the number of sediment clusters needed to characterize a difference at the 5% level in desert environments.

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Other considerations

- 1. Compare the saltation activity, as measured with a device like the SENSIT, to the measured PM-10 in the same vicinity.
- 2. Compare the passive dust fallout with the measured PM-10 in the same vicinity.
- 3. Evaluate when dust becomes a safety and health issue.

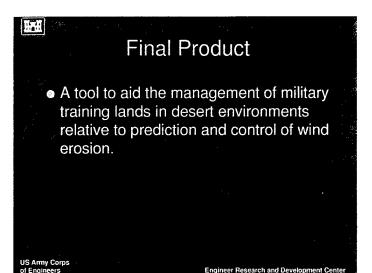
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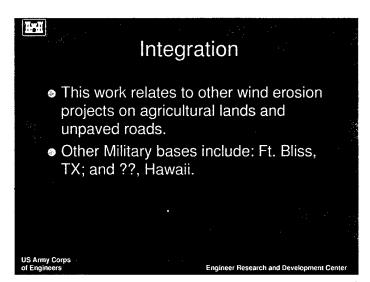
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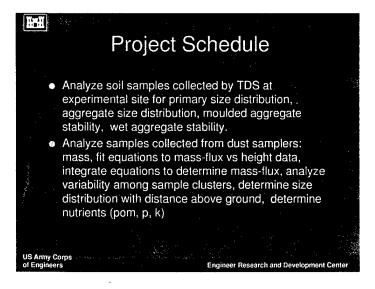


- This effort got initiated as a result of discussions among people from MCAGCC, Tierra Data Systems, CERL, ARS, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command
- The relationship to installation concerns are:

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Project Schedule

- Compete research plan/scope of work.
- Visit MCAGCC and decide placement of sediment traps.
- Provide consultative services to TDS relative to service of sediment traps, collecting dust samples, etc.
- Supply additional sediment traps as needed.
- Provide consultative services to TDS ...

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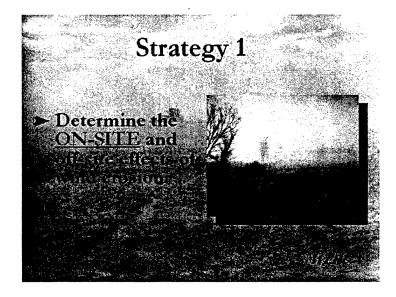


Project Schedule

- Obtain meteorological data from MCAGCC PM-10 sites and nearby weather stations.
- Regress sediment transport vs wind energy exceeding specified threshold.
- Obtain inputs necessary to run WEPS at location: surface roughness, vegetation characteristics, land treatment, ...
- Run WEPS and compare measured vs predicted sediment fluxes.

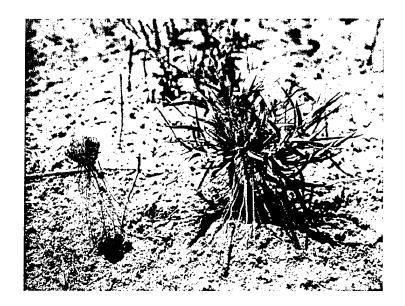
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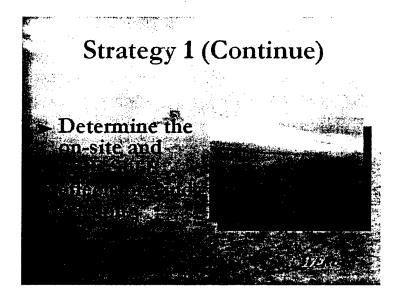


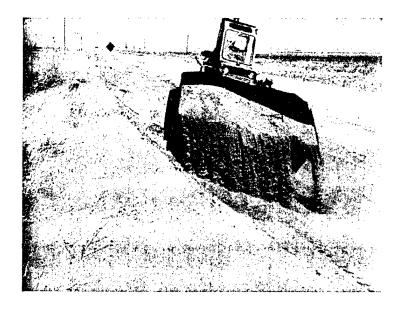




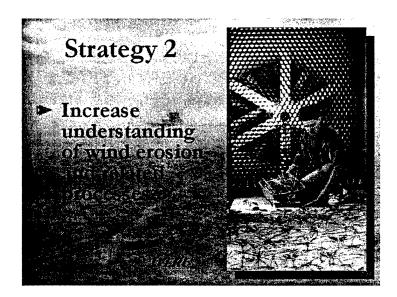
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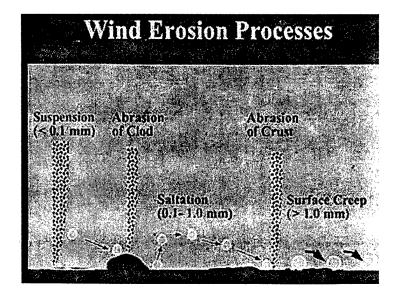


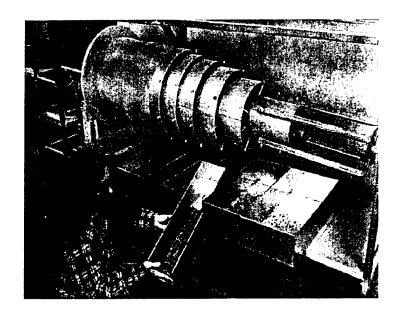


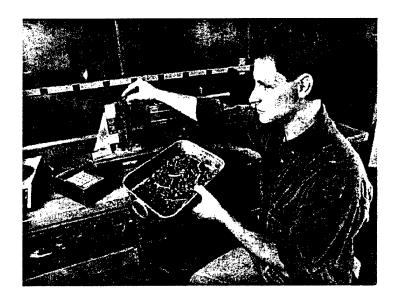


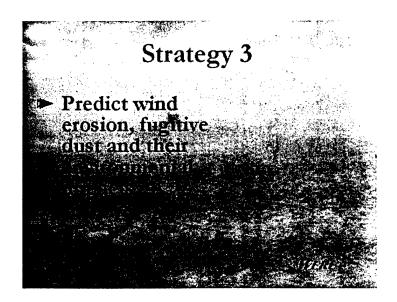


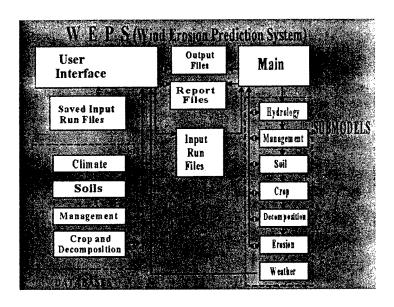


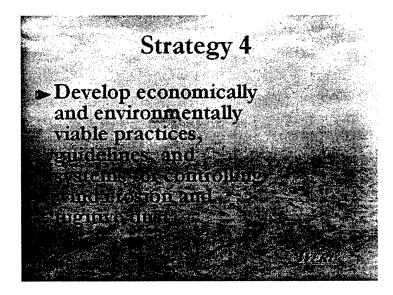


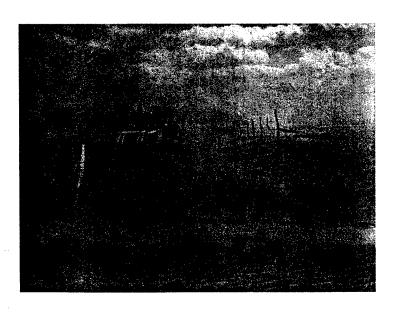






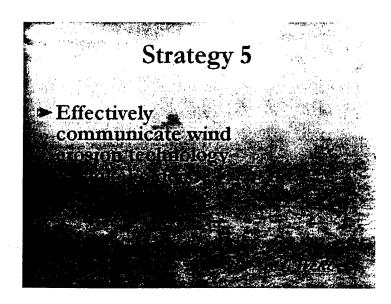




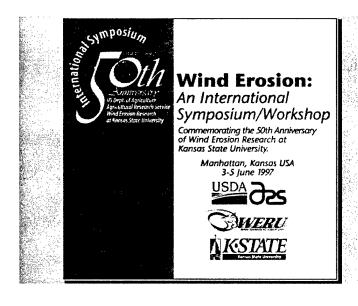


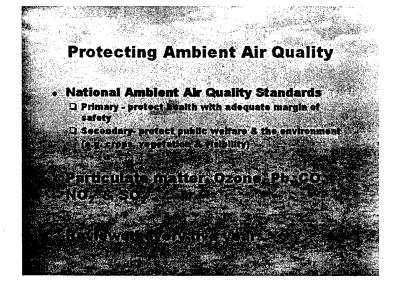


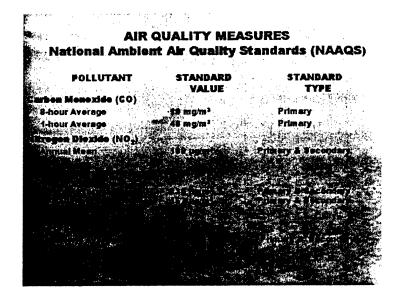


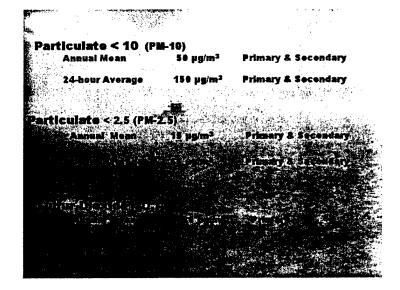


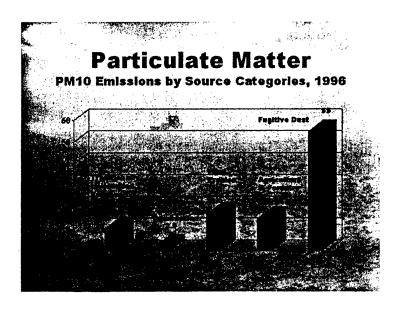






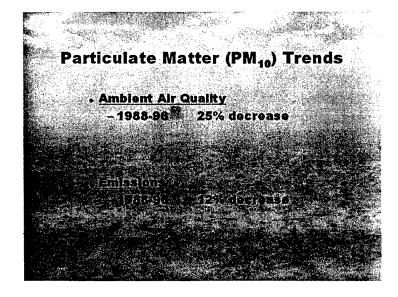


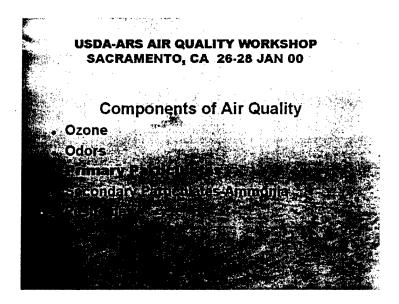


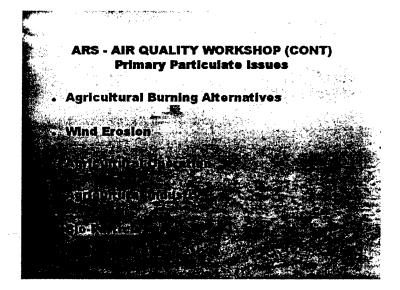


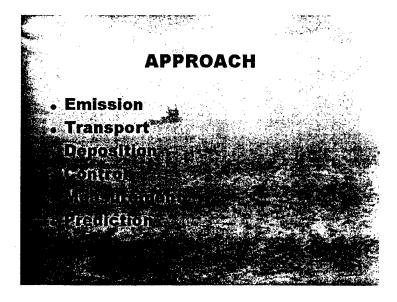
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AIR QUALITY MEASURES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

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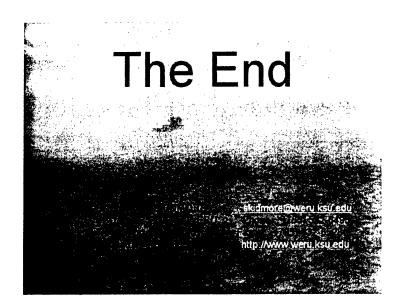
- 1. EPA set Air Quality Standards
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Scenario:

- 1. Qualify the effects of construction actions
- 2. Increase understanding of processes
- 3. Develop predictive capability.
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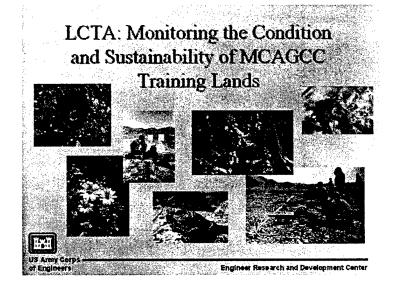
PRESIDENTS PROPOSED BUDGET

- Congressional action
- If funding were available what research



PRESENTATION: LCTA: Monitoring the Condition and Sustainability of

MCAGCC Training Lands. PRESENTER: Liz Kellogg.



Objectives

- 1. Improve understanding of the link between training districtes and the erosion status of training lands.
- 2. Develop LCTA's use as a conservation planning tool for the long-term sustainability of training lands.





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Context

1, LCTA Program initiated 1997.

LCTA in the desert requires a different approach to assessing trend because of long recovery times.



3. Sustainability of training lands needs to be defined in the context of this specific ecosystem, in order to be an effective conservation planning tool.

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Approach



What's different about the desert?

- → Recovery times are longer than the time scale for management.
- ➤ Extreme events drive environmental change more than average annual events.
- Resources are concentrated in shrub islands...water, nutrients, and diversity, and disturbance changes this.

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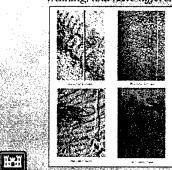
- Cover may increase with a low amount of disturbance, but still have structural and food web simplification.
- ➤ Soil surface condition and soil profile development affect water availability to plants and disturbance changes this

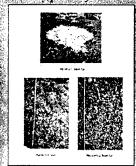
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Approach

Different soil surface conditions respond differently to training, and have different recovery pailways.





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Approach

- Build disturbance profiles.
- Develop explanations of differences in site condition and transitions to these states.



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Approach

- Long-term monitoring transects are placed along disturbance gradients, within I km of each other, in similar sites with respect to geology, landform, surface substrate and topographic position. This may be called "space-for-time substitution."
- Reference (habitat) vs. use comparisons.
- Trend over time.



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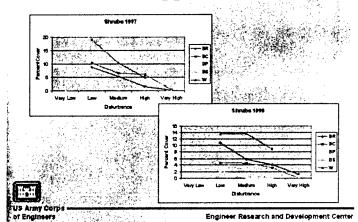
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Select key markers of processes that lead to site health or degradation. The current ones:

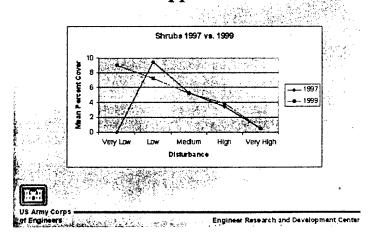
- r plant cover
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- rock / gravel volume
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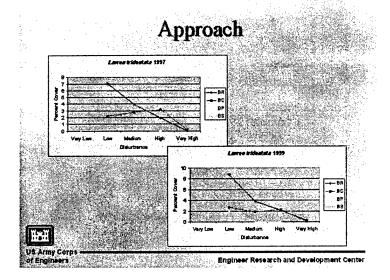
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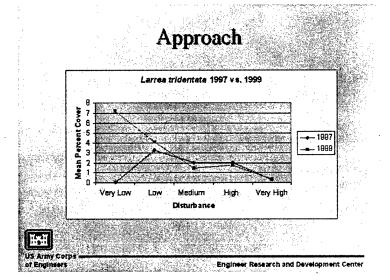
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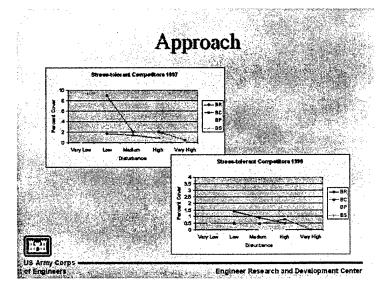


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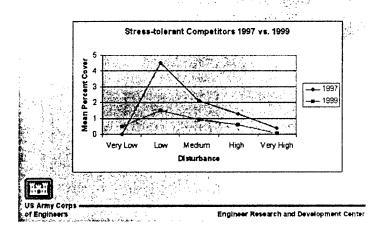




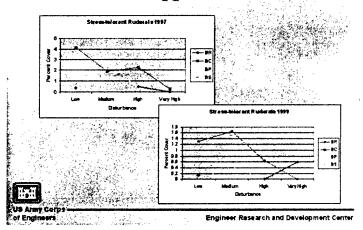




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Products

Additional measures to support erosion assessment:

- » surface roughness
- shrub shape
- 24 shrub density around dust collectors
- re shrub optical density
- soil bulk density
- soil infiltration rate



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Integration

- Dust collection samplers located near moderately disturbed plots in a range of substrates (work with USDA-ARS WERU).
- Complements PM10/2.5 sampling program and located near those stations.
- Supports MCAGCC efforts to describe site condition and brends, to guide sustainability planning.
- Supports MCAGCE's efforts to determine how to extrapolate site data for Basewide planning.



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Project Schedule

- First sediment collection complete.
- > Field work on plots begins this week.



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Transition Planning

- № Sediment collections sent to WERU
- ➤ Field data synthesized and sent to WERU.



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Impact on Installation Operations

- Improved wind erosion prediction because of link to on-the-ground disturbance and link to other factors besides soil texture.
- Improved water erosion prediction due to data on infiltration, compaction
- Improved set of variables for assessing effects of military training.

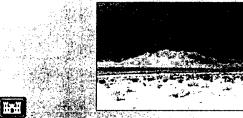
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Conclusion

- Project completion in approximately 12 months.
- № Need to develop GIS-based predictive capabilities.



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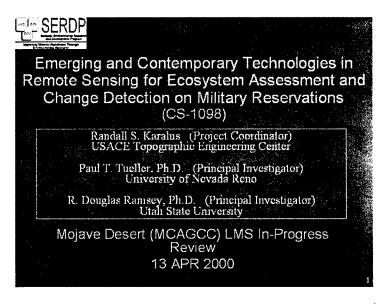
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Recommendations

- Develop link to NRCS ecosite mapping units and cover of coarse fragments from Soil Survey.
- Separate compliance versus sustainability concerns.



PRESENTATION: Emerging and Contemporary Technologies in Remote Sensing for Ecosystem Assessment and Change Detection on Military Reservations. PRESENTER: Paul Tueller, Doug Ramsey.







PERFORMERS (continued)

Camp Williams (ANG): Directorate of the Environment

Dr. John Crane Maj. Bob Dunton Mr. Doug Johnson Mr. Joel Godfrey

(Environmental Director) (Environmental Officer) (LCTA Coordinator) (Fire Ecologist/Fnels Management)

Fort Bliss (Army): Directorate of the Environment

Dr. Keith Landreth Kevin von Finger Dallas Bash Brett Russell

(Chief, Conservation Division) (Senior NEPA Ecologist) (GIS Manager) (Senior NEPA Ecologist)

Twentynine Palms (MCAGCC - USMC) Paul "Kip" Otis-Diehl Valerie Prehoda

Rhys Evans Jeff Foisy



TECHNICAL APPROACH

Ecotone and Disturbance Gradient Analysis

Investigators:

UNR, UIUC, CERL, TEC

Goals: Spatial/Spectral

Assess high resolution systems to identify the sensor attributes necessary to mountor changes in plant species composition along disturbance gradients and plant successional stages.

Calibration of scales to allow extrapolation over larger geographic regions.

Retrospective Analysis

Investigators:

ORNL, USU, TEC

Goals: Temporal/Spectral

Establish ecological history in relation to land use to describe how activities affect ecosystem and landscape response and recovery, i.e., resilience.

Identify the range of variation in the characteristics of disturbances associated with a laudscape.

Determine the existence of thresholds in response and recovery to natural and DoD activities.



TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES

Overall Objective:

Develop a remote-sensing based protocol for use by land managers to monitor and assess the impacts of military training activities on their landscapes.

- *What is the 'Condition' and 'Trend' of selected milkary fucibiles in regards to remately sensed indicators?
- I What type of vegriation/soil parameters, successional dynamics, and related processes are detectable by remote sensing at different spatial, temporal, and spectral scales.

Overall Approach:

Determine the temporal, spatial, and where possible, the spectral scales at which indicators of change relevant to land managers can be detected.



TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES

Stratify the landscape of individual military ranges using contemporary and emerging remote sensing technologies.

Identify the fundamental vegetation and soil attributes of military ranges as they relate to plant succession, carrying capacity, habitat management, and land resources.

Identify the spatial, spectral and temporal attributes of remote sensing systems necessary to identify ecotones.

Establish ecosystem response and recovery in relation to disturbance (land use) through retrospective studies with spatially-explicit spectral-based indices.

Develop methods for scaling through multi-resolution imagery.



TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

This research is designed to develop reliable remote sensing techniques to relate ecological concepts of:

- carrying capacity (EDYS \rightarrow ATTACC \rightarrow LMS), vegetation dynamics,

- species diversity critical thresholds,
- habitat fragmentation,
- ecosystem response and recovery, land degradation, and
- native plant community vigor

to ecological endpoints.



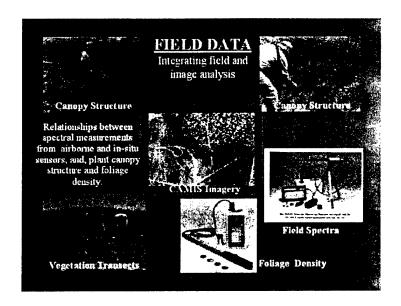
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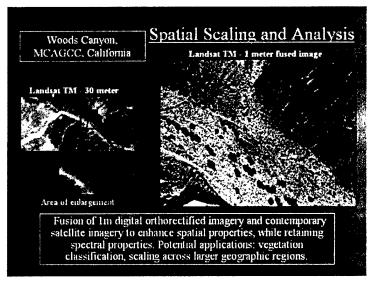
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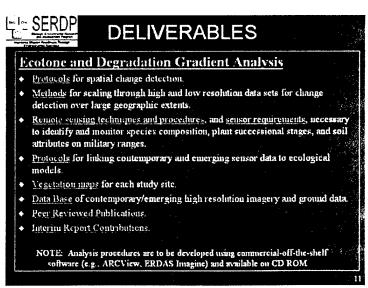
Ecological endpoints can be more specifically defined in terms of the following:

- Changes in plant species composition;
- Decrease in plant productivity:
- Reduction in soil quality;
- Accelerated soil erosion; and . Changes in landcover and pattern that affect ecological function.

Spectral indicators derived from these endpoints: measure the response to training activities on military installations.









DELIVERABLES (continued)

Retrospective Analysis

- + Protocols for temporal change detection.
- · Ecological Resilience/Behavior Models at critical thresholds of the ecosystem.
- <u>Remote Sensing Techniques and Procedures</u> necessary to identify and monitor ecosystem response and recovery on military ranges.
- · Protocols for linking contemporary data to ecological models.
- . Ecosystem Maps for each facility.
- Data base of contemporary imagery providing historical context.
- · Enhanced Data Base of RFMSS, unit, and training information.
- Peer Reviewed Publications.
- · Interim Report Contributions.

NOTE: Analysis procedures are to be developed using commercial-off-the-shelf software (e.g., ARCView, ERDAS Imagine) and available on CD ROM

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TRANSITION PLAN

- Spatial change detection will be demonstrated, validated, and documented both for improved input data to several ecological models and also for implementation at other installations at the completion of this effort.
- Temporal change detection and uncertainty analysis protocols will be demonstrated, validated, and documented for improving ecological understanding and modeling. Protocols will be applicable to other installations at the completion of this effort.
- <u>Technology transfer</u> will occur via scientific and technical literature, CD-ROM publication and distribution, and Internet sites prepared as a part of this study with specific information for each study location. See: www.grs.usn.edu.-serdp.and.www.grs.usn.edu.-serdp.and.www.grs.usn.edu.-nojzve/emerg.ags.htm
- Protocols are being incorporated into widely used off-the-shelf software (e.g., ESRI ArcView GIS; ERD AS Imagine image processing software).

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PRESENTATION: LCTA Collaboration and Land Use Carrying Capacity.

PRESENTER: David Price and Terry McLendon.

LCTA Collaboration and Land Use Carrying Capacity

- Presenters David Price, Terry McLendon, Mike Childress
- Partners Elizabeth & Jim Kellogg, Dawn Lawson
- Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center - Twentynine Palms, CA
 - POC's Paul 'Kip' Otis-Diehl, Jeff Foisy



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Objective

- Work with MCAGCC, TDS, and NAVFAC personnel to assess current LCTA protocol
- Team will determine improvements to LCTA based on MCAGCC goals and objectives
- Team will develop implementation plan
- SMI and CERL will use existing data to develop simulation model for carrying capacity (EDYS-TUDM)



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Context

- Initiation LMS project team recommendation and formal memorandum of agreement between USACERL and MCAGCC
- Installation priorities Collaboration on LCTA protocol and carrying capacity modeling, wind erosion modeling, and web-based map dissemination



Final Product

- Product description Dr. Terry McLendon, SMI
- Demonstration of working version Dr. Mike Childress, SMI

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MCAGCC Twenty-Nine Palms EDYS Application Plant Species

Trees/Shrubs

burroweed catclaw

cholla

creosotebush desert willow

Joshua tree mesquite

prickly pear ratany

saltcedar smoketree

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Grasses

cheatgrass fluffgrass galleta

Indian ricegrass Mediterranean grass

grass red threeawn

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MCAGCC Twenty-Nine Palms EDYS Application

Ecological Stressors

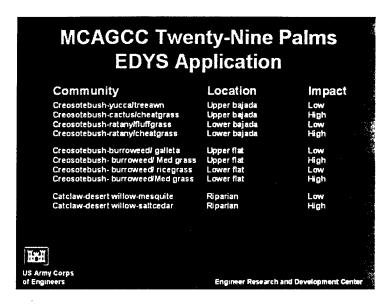
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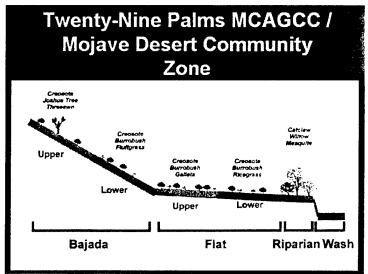
Insect/rodent herbivory Interspecific competition Precipitation fluctuations Soil erosion/deposition Soil nitrogen availability **Management Scenarios**

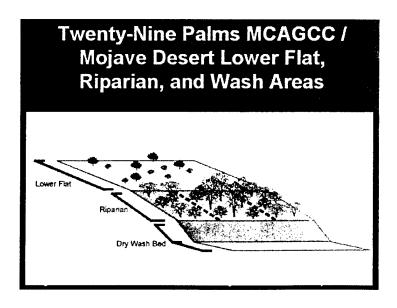
- Bivouacing/Staging
- Foot traffic
- Linear disturbances
- Reseeding
- Tracked vehicle traffic
- Wheeled vehicle traffic

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MCAGCC Twenty-Nine Palms EDYS Application

End Point Variables

Productivity of desert tortoise food plants

Productivity of each plant community

Relative composition of native plants

overall and by species

Relative composition of non-native plants

overall and by species

Spatial extent of native plant communities

Soil erosion

topsoil loss and deposition

Surface water export to and from dry wash

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Integration

- Dynamic link with the Training Use
 Distribution Model (TUDM) in progress
- Dynamic link with CASC2D model in progress
- Installation digital and tabular data, e.g., DEM, Vegetation, LCTA, Soils, TES/sensitive areas habitat
- Future link with Wind Erosion Models

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Project Schedule

4	Milestone	Status
8	Initial coordination	complete
(3)	LCTA execution plan	complete
٩	Carrying Capacity model plan	complete
0	Contracts with SMI and TDS	complete
*	Present working Carrying Capacity	3Q FY00
0	Present LCTA recommendations	4Q FY00
•	Dynamic link EDYS/TUDM	2Q FY01
9	Final Carrying Capacity Model	3Q FY01

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Transition Planning

- What will be handed over?
 - Executable form of EDYS for simple landscape in designated TA - 3Q FY01
 - Workshop to train installation personnel in EDYS structure, data entry, reparameterization, hands-on with various management scenarios - 3Q FY01
 - Recommendations for LCTA protocol and data analysis procedures - 4Q FY00



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Impact on Installation Operations

- Capability Objectively project and evaluate the impacts of potential or perceived conflicting land uses and management strategies
- Value Facilitates stakeholder participation rather than divisive land use planning and management



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Conclusion

- Case study completion planned June 01
- Future needs Implementation support and planning

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5 MCAGCC LMS Military Field Application FY00 IPR Summary of Comments and Responses

During the workshop, each participant was asked to provide comments on specific projects, general direction of MCAGCC military demonstration, and future direction and/or prioritization of future projects. This chapter summarizes the comments provided by the workshop participants. Table 1 lists each comment, who provided the comment, and the LMS response to the comment. Along with the response, the person responsible for addressing the issue is provided.

Table 1. Workshop participant comments/questions and responses.

No.	Commenter	Comment/Question	Response
1	ERDC/CERL	Who is the new POC to replace Jeff Foisy?	Answer: Lorrie Agnew (MCAGCC)
2	MCAGCC	Request for information and recommendations on non-exotic, non-invasive vegetative wind breaks.	Accessing VegSpec at http://plants.usda.gov/ will allow you to select the appropriate native species for wind barriers. Will provide species list to MCAGCC. (CERL/Skidmore)
3	MCAGCC	What type of dust collectors and saltation device are recommended?	Passive dust collectors are recommended and SENSIT is recommended for saltation readings. (Skidmore)
4	Skidmore	Need micronet data from Phil Chambers.	Request will be forwarded to Chambers. (MCAGCC)
5	Shepard/Miller	Asked for EDYS input from MCAGCC and other users.	Take out cheatgrass. (MCAGCC) Add red brome and burr sage to the model. (Fort Irwin)
6	MCAGCC	MCAGCC wants to be sure that they are not paying for ERDC/CERL LMS projects. There is concern about the possibility of funds being mixed on several LCTA projects.	The current projects funded by ERDC/CERL and MCAGCC are distinct and separate. No funds have been mixed on either SOW. (Kellogg)
7	MCAGCC	Data structure follows Tri-Service CADD/GISTEC, currently looking at directory structure with report and data capabilities.	Concur. (Dilks)
8	MCAGCC	Integrated multimedia is a concern for getting information to the user and getting that to the management level in a user-friendly way.	Concur. (Dilks)

No.	Commenter	Comment/Question	Response
9	MCAGCC	Construction of web-based map dis- semination to use for UXO applica- tions, using objects programmer.	Concur. Will look into applicability. (Dilks)
10	Fort Irwin	Request for TUDM information.	TUDM report will be sent out to Fort Irwin. (Goran)
11	Fort Irwin	What is the status of RWEQ?	Wind erosion advisory group is currently working on RWEQ. Will forward request to Alan Anderson. (Skidmore/Gebhart)
12	MDEP	More information is needed on data repository, when will this be available?	Will advise. (Dilks)
13	Navy	How are plant shapes accounted for in the wind erosion models?	Concur. Plant shape effects on wind erosion are currently being studied. (Skidmore)

Appendix A: MCAGCC LMS IPR Letter of Invitation and List of Invitees

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03 March 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: FY00 In-Progress Review (IPR) for Mojave Desert (Twentynine Palms) Land Management System (LMS) Military Field Application Site, 13 April 2000, Palm Springs, California

- 1. The first IPR for the Mojave Desert Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) LMS Military Field Application Site will be held at the Holiday Inn Palm Mountain Resort, 155 South Belardo in Palm Springs, CA. This IPR is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about and influence the projects underway or planned for the Mojave Desert region and MCAGCC related to LMS. We will also be discussing how MCAGCC and other interested installations will use the outcomes of these projects.
- 2. There will be an opportunity on Thursday for MCAGCC and other interested installation personnel to provide feedback on specific projects, relate information on the general direction of the MCAGCC military demo, and input to prioritize future LMS (and related) projects at MCAGCC. Other participating organizations will also have the opportunity to contribute their input.
- 3. For additional information on LMS, see the enclosed brochure and review the LMS website at http://www.denix.osd.mil/LMS.
- 4. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Palm Mountain Resort, 155 South Belardo. Rooms must be reserved by 13 March 2000 to ensure availability. Rooms are \$89.00 plus tax, to make your reservations contact (760) 325-1301. You must mention that you are taking part in the Twentynine Palms IPR meeting to receive this special rate. Further in-

formation regarding local restaurants and attractions can be found at http://www.palmsprings.com.

5. RSVP to Ms. Heidi Howard by Thursday, 06 April 2000 if you plan to attend this IPR. For questions concerning the IPR, please contact Ms. Heidi Howard at (217) 352-6511 ext. 7601, h-howard@cecer.army.mil. Ms. Howard is helping coordinate the IPR and can assist you with any issues.

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WILLIAM D. GORAN LMS Coordinator

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Mike Childress

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Clarence Everly

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William Goran

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Bruce Jones

Liz Kellogg

Robert Koenigs

Richard Lawrence

Dawn Lawson

Ray Madden

Kim Majerous

Terry McLendon

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AGENDA

0800	IPR Opens at Holiday Inn Palm Mountain Resort
0815-0845	Overview LMS Introduction, Bill Goran
0845-0915	MCAGCC Introduction, Dick Gebhart
0915-1015	Web-based Map Dissemination, Kelly Dilks
1015-1030	Break
1030-1115	Wind Erosion, Ed Skidmore
1115-1200	Carrying Capacity, Dave Price
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1330	LCTA/ITAM at MCAGCC, Liz Kellogg (tentative)
1330-1415	SERDP Remote Sensing, Scott Tweddale
1415-1500	SERDP Alternative Futures, Dave Mouat (tentative)
1500-1545	SERDP Arid Lands Restoration, Dick Gebhart
1545-1600	Break
1500-1600	Comment and Review
1600-1700	Plans for the Future

Appendix B: MCAGCC LMS IPR List of Attendees Information

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and to assist with the next IPR.

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